

Below are some of the most frequently asked questions we receive about parking issues in the City of Pullman. Can't find the answer to your question? [Email us](#) your question and we will respond to you directly within two business days, as well as possibly adding your question to our list of FAQs!

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Q. I received a parking ticket. What are my options?

Once a parking ticket has been issued, there are three options available:

1. **[Pay it](#)**
2. **Contest it** - You believe that the ticket was issued in error and/or that you did not commit the violation described in the ticket
3. **Mitigate it** - The ticket was issued correctly and you committed the violation described, but you believe that there were mitigating circumstances involved.

To contest or mitigate a ticket, you need to check the appropriate box and provide necessary

information on the backside of the ticket, and mail it in to Whitman County District Court at the address indicated on the ticket. You can also contact the Court by telephone at 509-332-2065.

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Q. How do I pay a parking ticket?

To pay a parking ticket, please mail a check to the Pullman Police Department at the address indicated on your ticket. You can also pay in person at the Pullman Police Department with cash or check.

At this time, the Pullman Police Department cannot accept credit or debit card payments, and we are unable to take payment over the telephone or via the internet.

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After a ticket is issued the owner of the vehicle has 15 days to contact District Court to set up a time to see the judge. This is done by filling out the back of the ticket and mailing or dropping off the ticket at court. After 15 days the owner has forfeited his/her right to a hearing and is therefore responsible for the ticket. One notice is mailed to the registered owner as found on the Department of Licensing vehicle registration. The first notice is to state that the vehicle has received a ticket that it is past date for a hearing and must be paid. Six months after the late notice the owner will be sent to collections.

Once the infraction has been sent to collections it is closed in our system and further contact regarding the infraction must go to the Collection Agency.

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Q: My roommate drove my car and he/she received the ticket. Why did I receive the late notice?

Parking tickets are the responsibility of the owner of the vehicle, not the person driving the car. There are a lot of instances of roommates who drive the car and get a ticket. Also, a lot of students drive cars that are registered to their parents. Any late notices or collections will be sent to the registered owner of the vehicle. In order to have a roommate/driver pay for the ticket the vehicle owner will have to pursue a small claim action in civil court.

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Q: Why did I get a ticket when there wasn't a "no parking" sign?

There are many violations that do not need a posted sign in order to be illegal. Parking adjacent to a yellow curb is the most common. But there are many that do not require a sign. The following is a list of the most common infractions issued on College Hill and throughout the City:

- [Left Wheels to the Curb](#)
- Too close to a stop sign
- Parked in an intersection.
- Parked in a crosswalk
- 12"+ away from curb
- Blocking driveway
- Obstructing traffic
- Parking on a planting strip
- Parking on a sidewalk
- Blocking an alley
- Parking in a handicap space without a permit

Q: I was only there for a few minutes. Why did I get a ticket?

This is the most common question or statement. The response is that it doesn't matter how long you were there. Hazard lights do not matter; in fact it makes parking enforcers more aware by broadcasting to everyone that they are parked illegally. If the vehicle is left unattended and parked illegally it is subject to an infraction.

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Q: How much does a ticket cost?

Fine amounts vary depending on the violation. More information is available by clicking on the Pullman parking laws page.

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Q: What types of tickets get issued the most?

The most common violations that occur in the City of Pullman are:

- Parking adjacent to a yellow curb
- Parking without a permit in a permit required area
- Parking in posted areas

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Q: What does "parking with Left Wheels to Curb" mean?

This is a State of Washington violation, and it is one that is in the Department of Licensing manual in order to get a Driver's License. The reason why it is a violation is that in order to park with the left wheels closest to the curb the driver had to drive into the oncoming lane of traffic. Also to leave from the parked position the vehicle again drives in the oncoming lane of traffic, thereby creating another traffic hazard. The only time that this does not create a hazard is on one way traffic roads.

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Q: What are the rules about parking in a handicapped parking spot?

You must have a current State Disabled Permit to park in posted handicap parking spaces. The

permit can be from any state, but must be issued by the appropriate state agency. *WSU*

Handicapped stickers are

not

valid off of campus, and you will receive a ticket

. The infraction for parking in a handicap spot without proper permit is \$250, which is dictated by Washington State Law. Contact the

[Washington State Department of Licensing](#)

for further information on obtaining a handicap permit.

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□ Q: What kinds of parking violations are towable offenses?

- Posted Tow Away Zones.
- Posted time zone that also states tow away zone (i.e. 800 NE Colorado)
- Handicapped Parking (\$250 fine and tow)
- Blocking an Alley
- Obstructing Traffic (judgment of the officer if it would likely cause an accident)
- Blocking Driveway
- 168 hour Violation

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